



The Ghost
May 30, 2010
Pastoral Team
**Week 5: FAQ's about
the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 4:3 *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

1 Corinthians 12:1, 7-11 (NKJV) *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant . . .⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge . . .⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings . . .¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

God didn't send the Holy Spirit to Divide the Church!

2 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV) *The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles--were done among you with great perseverance.*

1 Corinthians 14:19, 23 (NIV) *But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. . . So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?*

1 John 2:20 (NIV) *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.*

For Unity, We must learn to Live in the Tension!

John 4:24 (NIV) *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

1 Corinthians 2:9-10a (NIV) *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.*

Live to Please Others

What does that mean? Am I really saying we should **live to please others**? That flies-in-the-face of what our culture tells us, like "spitting in the wind". But here it is...Jesus did not come to please Himself.

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. **Romans 15:5-7***

Now I'm one who likes to hear it concise and straightforward. Here's what this is saying: *Jesus did it; now you do it!* Yep...in the now overused words of that famous comedian, *Get-r-done!*

We will never agree with each other on all matters. But we can determine to strive for a unity of love – one heart and one mouth – which surpasses our differences to unite us in a spirit of praise and worship of God. To accept Jesus as the leader of our lives, as manager, or Lord of our lives means we share his values and his perspective in all areas. Just as we take Jesus' view on the authority of Scripture, the nature of heaven and the resurrection, we are to have his attitude of love toward others as well in a spirit of unity with an attitude to love and live to please others. We can learn more about the attitude of Jesus in Philippians 2.
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Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will unite us as a church family in love & harmony
- Pray that God will reveal in your heart anything that may cause you to be angry or bitter towards a fellow believer. (Matt 5:23; 18:15)
- Pray that Jesus will begin to prepare you for the season in your spiritual journey and the next great work he has prepared for you.
- Pray for Ryan & Andrea Kramer this week. As leaders and pastors at PCC, ask God to increase their skills and wisdom to lead.
- Pray for a spirit of generosity at PCC. As God prepares to lead us through this next season, ask God to bless His church with the needed resources to make this journey.

A Prayer of Unity:

Jesus, my prayer is that your church be unified through the bond of peace.

- *Let our unity show the world your love*
- *Let our unity attract others to this family.*
- *Let our unity bring glory to you.*